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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF GUINEAN SECURITY OBSESSION WITH LIBERIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. I AM CONCERNED THAT MEETING WITH DENNIS AS REPORTED
REFTEL COULD COMPLICATE OUR POSITION IN GUINEA. DENNIS
WILL CERTAINLY MAKE FULL REPORT TO SEKOU TOURE ON
TOLBERT'S TRIP.

2. IF DENNIS REPORTS THAT DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SAID GUINEAN
REQUEST TO U.S. FOR SECURITY GUARANTEE "IS IMPOSSIBLE TO
COMPLY WITH" (PARA 2 REFTEL), TOURE MAY CONCLUDE OUR
PROMISES TO STUDY HIS SECURITY PROBLEMS WERE DISINGENUOUS
FROM THE START. THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE GUINEAN VIEW THAT ONLY
SOVIETS ARE RELIABLE.

3. IT IS IN U.S. INTEREST TO KEEP DEFINITION OF "GUARANTEE"
FLEXIBLE AND IMPRECISE, TO UNDERTAKE DIALOGUE WITH AFFECTED
PARTIES AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT U.S. WISHES CONTRIBUTE TO
PEACEFUL AFRICAN RESOLUTION OF GUINEA'S PERCEIVED PROBLEMS
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WITH HER NEIGHBORS.

4. WE MAY HAVE MISREAD REFTTEL. HOWEVER, IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT AFTER DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON DENNIS MIGHT ADVISE TOURE NOT TO LOOK FOR ANY SECURITY GUARANTEE FROM U.S., I WOULD SUGGEST AMBASSADOR CARTER HAVE ANOTHER CHAT WITH DENNIS, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO GOG ON ISSUE. WE OUGHT TO KEEP OPEN POSSIBILITY ULTIMATELY CURBING SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE DEPLOYMENTS AGAINST USN AND OF INDUCING GUINEA TO PURSUE MORE GENUINE NONALIGNMENT.
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